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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/057,983 Conf. No.: 2439
Applicant: Martin Horne
Filed: January 29, 2002
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING THE SUPPLY OF
CRITICAL MATERIAL COMPONENTS AND MANUFACTURING
CAPACITY
TC/A.U.: 3623
Examiner: C. M. Tarae
Docket No.: 82001-0297
Customer No.: 24633

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

LETTER REQUESTING PTO FORM-1449

Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the allowance of this application. However, upon review of the file, Applicants note the PTO Form-1449 filed December 18, 2002, has not been returned initialed by the Examiner.

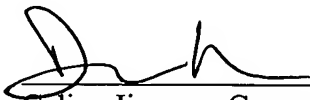
Applicants respectfully request the PTO Form-1449 filed on December 18, 2002, be returned by the Examiner, initialed at each reference as well as signed and dated were appropriate, to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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